



Illustration by Jeanne R. Janish,
From 'Vascular Plants of the Pacific Northwest'

CALOCHORTUS BRUNEAUNIS **BRUNEAU MARIPOSA LILY**

Bruneau Mariposa Lily is a perennial with a single erect, unbranched stem, 10-40 cm tall, that arises from a bulb with a papery coat. The long, linear, alternate leaves are rolled or u-shaped in cross-section. Foliage is glabrous. 1-4 flowers are borne on erect stalks subtended by 2 or more linear bracts at the top of the stem. Flowers have 3 pointed, egg-shaped petals, 25-45 mm long, that are nearly glabrous and white with a vertical green stripe and a red or purple spot above the circular gland near the yellowish base. The 3 sepals are narrowly lance-shaped and shorter than the petals. The fruit is a narrowly lance-shaped, 3-angled capsule that is 35-55 mm long. Flowering in July.

This species is similar to the more common *CALOCHORTUS NUTTALLII*; however, the latter has sparsely hairy petals near its base and lacks the vertical green line.